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TAGS: PFOR NL EG

SUBJ: FONMIN FAHMY'S TRAVEL PLANS

REF: THE HAGUE 4880

1. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TO US ASHRAF GHORBAL  
DURING DISCUSSION AT EMBASSY AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 9  
INFORMED ME IN PASSING THAT FONMIN FAHMY, WITH WHOM  
HE HAD JUST MET, HAD TOLD HIM HE WAS FORCED TO  
CANCEL HIS VISITS TO THE HAGUE AND BRUSSELS BECAUSE  
OF THE PRESS OF ARAB LEABUE BUSINESS AND OF  
"VISITORS" (UNSPECIFIED) WHO WERE EXPECTED OVER  
NEXT FEW DAYS. GHORBAL SAID THAT FAHMY STILL  
INTENDS TO GO TO US BUT WAS UNDECIDED AS TO WHETHER  
TO GO TO WASHINGTON IN ADDITION TO NEW YORK. WE  
ARE TRYING TO OBTAIN FAHMY'S FIRM TRAVEL PLANS  
THUS FAR WITHOUT SUCCESS.

2. WE DO NOT KNOW WHO THE "VISITORS" MAY BE, BUT  
WE ASSUME THEY MUST BE RELATED TO CURRENT AL  
DISCUSSION CONCERNING LEBANON. FAHMY HAS INDEED  
BEEN TOTALLY PREOCCUPIED WITH HIS AL COLLEAGUES  
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AND WE THINK THIS MAY VERY WELL BE THE REAL REASON

FOR HIS CANCELLATION OF HIS TRIP TO THE HAGUE AND  
BRUSSELS. WE KNOW OF NO DRAMATIC PROBLEM THAT WOULD  
HAVE CAUSED SUDDEN CANCELLATION. WE WILL CONTINUE  
TO TRY TO FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT, BUT FAHMY IS  
PRONE TO BE UNCONCERNED ABOUT CHANGING TRAVEL PLANS AT LAST MINUTE.

3. GHORBAL'S OWN TRAVEL PLANS ARE TO LEAVE CAIRO  
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 13, SPEND A FEW DAYS IN PARIS OR  
GENEVA, AND ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON 17 OR 18 SEPTEMBER.  
HE WILL BE ACCCOMPANIED BY MRS. GHORBAL.

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